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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/25/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 and 14-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Due to oversight, claim 14 is incorrectly grouped in Species A (Fig. 9) in the last Office action. Therefore, line 4 of page 2 of the last Office action should read "A: claims 1-4 and 9-13 drawn to an IPS mode LCD device according to Fig. 9".

Applicant's election without traverse of Species A (claims 1-4 and 9-13, Fig. 9) in the reply filed on 08/25/05 is acknowledged.

Claims 5-8 and 14-16 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 08/25/05.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 11, the recited feature "the gate line" lacks antecedent basis. Therefore, it is unclear to which gate line the gate line refers. Does the gate line refer to those of the TFTs of the LC display or those of the peripheral driving circuits ?

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moon et al (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0081155).

As to claims 1 and 9, note Figs. 6D, 11D and 12 C which identically disclose the claimed method and the claimed IPS mode LCD device comprising first and second substrates (300,350) opposite each other, each substrate having an active region 320 and a dummy region (the region adjacent to the black matrix 330), a black matrix layer 330 in the dummy region of the second substrate 350; a UV-hardening sealant 310 at a circumference of the black matrix layer between the first and second substrates, wherein the UV-hardening sealant bonds the first and second substrates together; a metal pattern 340 between the UV-hardening sealant and the first substrate 300; and a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates bonded by the UV-hardening sealant. As to the recited features of claims 2 and 11, see paragraphs 0063-0064. Regarding the recited features of claims 3 and 10, see paragraph 0047. As to the recited features of claim 4, note the column spacer in paragraph 0048 and the overcoat layer (alignment layers 301, 351) in paragraphs 0048- 0049 . With respect to the recited features of claim 12, see paragraphs 0051. Regarding claim 13, as apparent from Figs. 11D and 12C , some of the incident UV rays are reflected from the metal pattern 340 to cure the seal 310.

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